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For: FLUID PROCESSING SYSTEMS AND METHODS USING EXTRACORPOREAL  
FLUID FLOW PANELS ORIENTED WITHIN A CARTRIDGE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

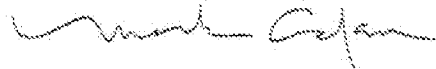
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 5, 2006 in connection with the above-identified matter, the invention identified as Species A: claims 1-6, 8-12, 14 & 15 is hereby elected for examination on the merits. Applicants makes this election without traverse.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and inventions. Examination on the merits is kindly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3840. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

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